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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Report on the working of the Stores Purchase Committee.

READ—

The report on the working of the Stores Purchase Committee from the 1st November 1923, to the 30th June 1924, submitted by the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee in his letter No. 5100, dated the 31st October 1924.

ORDER No. G. 4375-410—G. M. 80-24-3, DATED 13TH DECEMBER 1924.

Recorded.

2. This is the first annual report of this Committee which was constituted in November 1923. In the 8 months of its work during the year under review, the Committee met 7 times and dealt with 71 subjects. The framing of the rules relating to the functions and procedure of the Committee was one of the most important items of the Committee's work during the year. Government approved of these rules in Government Order No. G. 13082-140—G. M. 170-23-2, dated 28th March 1924. The limits within which Heads of Departments may purchase stores without reference to the Committee have also been considered by the Committee. Government note that proposals in this regard in respect of 12 departments were considered by the Committee during the year.

3. The Committee placed during the year 59 foreign orders of the value of £41,588 (or Rs. 5,96,094) and 62 orders in India of the value of Rs. 4,57,853. The total value of purchases made to the end of June 1924 amounted to Rs. 10,51,434. The Committee has estimated that the total amount saved as a result of the orders being placed by the Committee after wide publicity and competitive prices being obtained was about a lakh of rupees for the year.

4. The cost on account of the Stores Purchase Committee and the London Agency up to the end of June 1924 amounted to Rs. 7,317-11-0 and Rs. 18,561-9-0 respectively which works out to 2·5 per cent of the total value of the orders placed. Government trust that as a result of the increasing volume of work and larger orders being placed, this incidence which is rather high will be reduced.

5. Government are pleased to place on record their appreciation of the work of the Committee in the first year of its existence.

6. The annual report of the work of the Committee may in future be submitted to Government not later than the 31st August each year succeeding the year of report.

K. MATTHAN,
Chief Secretary to Government.

LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE SECRETARIAT.

Registration Department.

READ—

Letter No. Per. 18-23-24, dated 30th September 1924, from the Inspector-General of Registration, submitting a report on the working of the Registration Department during the year 1923-24.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. Per. 18-23-24, dated 5th November 1924, from the same officer, furnishing additional information regarding inspections and prosecutions during the year.

ORDER NO. P. 2906-15—REGIS. 22-24-5, DATED 6TH DECEMBER 1924.

Recorded.

2. Mr. A. Subramania Iyer was in charge of the office of the Inspector-General of Registration till 31st March 1924 and Mr. V. R. Thyagaraja Aiyar during the rest of the year.

3. Government observe that there has been a steady fall in the total number of registrations as well as in the income for the past three years since 1921-22. This is attributed by the several District Registrars and the Inspector-General of Registration to the unfavourable seasonal conditions, tightness of money market, depression of trade, investments of money in State Loan Bonds and Joint Stock Companies and the prevalence of plague, cholera, and relapsing fever in some places. The same reasons were assigned in the Administration Report of the year 1922-23 and the Government did not accept them. The additional ground assigned by the Inspector-General of Registration this year that the operations of the Co-operative Societies have contributed to the decrease is not also quite satisfactory as the loss in revenue on this account is not very considerable. While the recent enhancement of the scheduled rates of stamps and court fees has produced increased revenue under these heads, it is observed that the increase in the table of registration fees has not tended to raise the income under this head as anticipated, but has resulted in a reduction of the income. The Inspector-General is requested to go into the question and submit a report in the matter after necessary investigation.

4. Orders were issued during the year under review splitting up the Bangalore Sub-Registrar's Office into two offices, one exclusively for the City Municipal limits of Bangalore and the other for the Bangalore Taluk excluding the City, the additional cost involved thereby being met by the conversion of the Special Sub-Registry offices at Sagar and Mudgere into *ex-officio* ones with effect from 1st July 1924.

5. No prosecutions for the infringement of the provisions of the Registration Regulation were instituted during the year. The only case of false personation in the Channagiri Sub-Registrar's Office pending from the previous year ended in conviction.

6. Government are glad to note that the inspection work during the year was satisfactory, all the Sub-Registry Offices having been inspected by one or other of the